

to two classes, the first of which shall contain eleven Senators, and the second ten.

Resolved further, That on the 2d day of March, 1846, the Senate will proceed to draw lots for said classes, and the manner of drawing shall be as follows—the Secretary of the Senate, shall prepare eleven slips of paper, on which the words “First Class” shall be written, and ten slips, on which the words “Second Class” shall be written, all of which slips of paper shall be placed in a hat, and each member of the Senate shall draw from the same, in alphabetical order.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock. A. M.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
WEDNESDAY February 25, 1846. }
10 O'CLOCK A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and there not being a quorum present, the Sergeant at Arms was despatched after absent members. Returned, and a quorum present.

Senator Grimes presented the petition of John Tom, praying an augmentation of land, and the petition of Wm. S. Taylor, and C. B. Stewart, praying the Legislature to pass a law, authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to the said Stewart, a triplicate certificate for two thirds of a league and labor of land, as assignee of Wm. S. Taylor, the duplicate certificate for said land being lost, and no remedy by law, by which he can obtain said triplicate. On motion, referred to the committee on public lands.

Senator Jewett, presented the petition of Lavinia Mansell, a free woman of color, praying the passage of a law granting to herself and children the privilege of permanently residing in Texas: read and referred to a select committee, composed of Senators Jewett, Parker, and Grimes.

A message was received from the House, through Mr. Ben. F. Hill, transmitting the message of His Excellency the Governor, and accompanying documents, and informing the Senate of the election of Ben. F. Hill as Chief Clerk, in the place of

Jas. H. Raymold, *resigned*, and the election of Mr. Pitts, as Engrossing Clerk, in the place of Mr. Hill, *resigned*.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, the message and accompanying documents were taken up. (For this document see appendix No. 1.) The message being read, Senator McNeel, moved to print 300 copies for the use of the Senate.

Senator Parker, moved to print 600 copies—carried.

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury being read, on motion 300 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate. Document No. 2, being read, on motion, 300 copies were ordered to be printed.

The report of the Attorney General was read, and on motion referred to the committee on the Judiciary. (See appendix No. 2.)

The report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, read, and referred to the committee on public lands. (See appendix No. 3.)

On motion of Senator Wallace, 300 copies of all the documents relating to the Treasury Department, were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Phillips, the instructions sent by the Secretary of the Treasury, to the collectors of the ports of Sabine and Brazos, were referred to the committee on Finance.

On motion, the Senate proceeding to the "special order of the day;" being a resolution resolving the Senate into executive session, for the purpose of passing upon the nominations of a Chief Justice, and two Associate Justices, and an Attorney General. Resolution adopted; roll called, and a quorum present.

On motion of Senator Navarro, the nominations were laid on the table, until Monday the 2d March.

On motion of Senator Phillips, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Senate met, roll called, and a quorum present.

On motion, the Senate proceeded to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to postpone the holding of the courts in the several Judicial Districts. Read 2nd time—report of Judiciary committee adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the select committee, appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House, on the Lieutenant Governor's election. On motion the report laid on the table.

Resolution appointing the second day of March, to go into the classification of Senators, adopted.

Senator McKinney, presented the petition of the citizens of Galveston, praying the passage of a bill, to be entitled, an act for the appointing and governing pilots, for the port of Galveston. Read 1st time.

Senator Jewett, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee of five members, be appointed to take into consideration the latter clause of Sec. 4, Art. 13, of the Constitution, to wit: "All fines, penalties, forfeitures and escheats, which have accrued to the Republic of Texas, under the Constitution and laws, shall accrue to the State of Texas, and the Legislature shall by law, provide a method of determining what lands may have been forfeited or escheated, and report an appropriate bill or bills for that purpose." Adopted, and Senators Jewett, Williams, Wood, Parker, and McKinney, were appointed said committee.

On Motion, Senator Navarro was added to the committee.

Senator McKinney, introduced a bill to be entitled, an act to place volunteers in the naval service of Texas, upon the same footing as volunteers in the army of the Republic. Read 1st time.

Senator Williams, introduced the following bills:

A bill, to be entitled, an act better to define the boundary of Fannin county. Read 1st time.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Hunt.—Read 1st time.

Senator Kinney, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That with the concurrence of the House, the committee on printing on the part of the Senate, will act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House, to contract for the job printing of the two houses of the Legislature, adopted.

Senator Parker, moved the Senate adjourn until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Senator Wallace, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.